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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE ON OWEN-YOUNG TRAVEL

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UNTIL WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE PROPOSALS WITH ALL INTERESTED  
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A. WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORT. WE HAVE CONFIRMED  
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CONFERENCE, WHICH HAS BEEN DELIVERED.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION ON DR. OWEN'S AND  
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